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Title: Regarding implementation of MURDA Scheme.

SHRIMATI KOTHAPALLI GEETHA (ARAKU): Madam Speaker, I would like to draw the attention of this House regarding implementation of the Prime Minister's Flagship Programme –MUDRA Scheme. According to the NSSO Survey of 2013, 5.77 crore small business units, mostly the individual proprietors units are there, which are running small-scale industries, trading and service activities.

Many of these activities are run by the SC and backward communities. The small entrepreneurs in India are used to be exploited by the money lenders, which has to be stopped. The small entrepreneurs are depending upon the Government for the MUDRA Scheme but the banks are not ready to respond to the needs of these small entrepreneurs. Further, when I spoke to a lead bank manager, he said that banks are adamant to give loans to the SC/ST Welfare Schemes and they are not in a position to give incentive to these small entrepreneurial people.

We have the demographic dividend, which is very advantageous to us in the present position. If these people are left without employment, they will turn into disadvantage also. I would, therefore, urge upon the hon. Finance Minister to actually ensure the firm implementation of this scheme. Thank you.

HON. SPEAKER: Shri Rabindra Kumar Jena and Shri Bhairo Prasad Mishra are permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shrimati Kothapalli Geetha